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COACHING SERVICES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expenses on coaching services during 1999-2000 were left uncovered by actual receipts from coaching services against 1998-99;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the comparative figure of receipts from coaching services during the last three years;

(c) if so, the amount of receipts from the coaching services during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the performance of coaching services?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) In both the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000, the expenses allocable to coaching services were left uncovered by actual receipts from coaching services.

(b) & (c) Railways incur losses in coaching services mainly in Second Class(Ordinary), Sleeper Class, Suburban services and other coaching services (parcel, postal, catering services) as these segments of Railway traffic are carried at charges less than the operational costs on social consideration. Comparative figures of receipts from coaching services for the previous years are ;

Year	Coaching earnings (Rs. in crores)
1998- 1999	9503.76
1999- 2000	10719.13
2000- 2001	11629.86
2001- 2002	Not yet available; due for compilation by December 2002.

(d) Steps, taken to improve revenue from coaching services, include waiting list analysis and attaching additional coaches, intensive ticket checking and increase in counters and putting Self Printing Ticket Machines (SPTM).In addition, constant efforts are made to cut down expenditure. Some rationalisation of passenger fares have been made in the Railway budget for 2002-03.